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"GERMANY MUST KEEP ALSACE-LORRAINE,"---HERTLING

Baker Demands Chance to Defend the American Army

CHARGES HELD

Administration Aids Assert Conclusions Drawn by Oregon Senator Are Not Justified by Facts.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 .- Pres't Wilson will not accept the charges Sen. Chamberlain as facts. That was made plain by administration lieutenants here today. But he will not challenge any of the assertions of the Oregon solon directly immediately. The administration, its chiefs said, needs no public defense at this time. The conclusions drawn by Sen. Chamberlain in his dramatic speech yesterday are held not to be warranted by the facts. And this will be pointed out through official channels in the very near future. Sen. James to Reply.

Sec'y of War Baker will give his side of the controversy to the house military affairs committee tomorrow. Sen. Ollie James of Kentucky, selected as administration spokesman, will make the administration record for the senate next week. Meanwhile there was a general starting with Sen. Chamberlain's New York speech of last Saturday night, followed by the president's personal attack upon his statements and the dramatic speech of yesterday, has cleared the air. The public is certain to be the gainer as a result. There will be less unnecessary secrecy. Certain facts known to the newspapers but withheld because of the acceptance of the voluntary censorship plans, now will be made

public with official sanction. Much to be Proud of. There is very much to be proud are stories of the performances of the navy, thrilling accounts of death faced in a dozen forms with a smiling face and of successes that were well worth having that will cause all American bosoms to swell with pride when the facts can be revealed. There will be stories of army work that will show that the troops of 1917-18 are the same calibre as now be revealed if the plans under

discussion are carried through. speaks for the administration there will be no assault made on the Oregon senator. It will be stated, offipublicity as is possible without revealing military secrets to the Ger. peace terms. are being remedied as rapidly as

Censorship is Blamed.

of the abuse that is complained of. Had the truth about the many camps established in the south for few men responsible been published at the start conditions would have been remedied, and lives would have war front. been saved. The same can be said about nearly every point at Issue in dispute is to be the listing of what question. has been felt to be an unwarranted

Americans here today-senators and representatives-who place patriotism above party were working to prevent any further breech be, represents the United States. tween the president and the congress. They pointed out that, inasmuch as the chief duty of the country now is to win the war, all parties gles to the situation presented to the present controversy "should themselves, officials say. All are bury the hatchet" and try to re- most important. The Russian situa- Gen. Bliss now is in Paris. He will concile their views. The country tion and its effect on the Austrian sit in at the councils of allied war must stand by the president, it is internal troubles naturally over- staff and will represent the United declared, as if the idea is allowed shadows all else. If the Russian re- States in deciding on plans for reto get abroad in the central empires fusal of the German terms is main- pelling the anticipated attack that he is not really the spokesman tained the inevitable result must be From Gen. Bliss the war councils for the entire people, unestimable further lighting. This will mean that will obtain the last word of the damage will result to the allied Germany will have to withdraw plans of the United States army and board.

ARTHLERY DUELS RAGE. International News Service;

the sectors of Maisons de Cham- Russians. pagne and Avocourt, the war office,

announced this afternoon.

Showing the Boys How to Go Over the Top



OVER THE TOP. Ocommitteen Public Information Supplied by 1813 "Sammies" at one of the national army cantonments getting a ine on how to go over the top. The boys are being instructed by a impression everywhere today that Scotch sergeant, who is a veteran in point of service in the trenches of the developments of the last week, France, and are benefiting by his knowledge of the war game.

Face of War Conditions Changing Hourly, Russian Situation is Paramout

of in the conduct of the war. There Withdrawal of Austro-Ger- possibility of renewed fighting must mans on Italian Line Indicates Abandonment of Venetian Campaign.

> International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 .- The in-

those who have carried the flag to ternational situation loomed large the front everywhere. And this will today, Officials pointed out that strikes have ended and the men most important happenings are de-And it was stated rather em. eloping behind the curtain of senphatically today that when Sec'y sorship. The very face of war con-Baker tells his side and Sen. James ditions is changing almost hourly.

velopments include: cials said, that the president wel- Reported rejection by the Ruscomes criticism and that he has sian envoys to the Brest Litovsk ernment that it will make an early

mans. And it will be further declar- Imperial Chancellor Count von To the censorship voluntarily ac- statement, which could not be recepted by the newspapers of the conciled with that declaration that country can be traced a great deal he "still hopes for an early peace," ern Italy, officials who have closely

Reinforce West Lines.

consorship then the public must sentiment for a peace without in- cause it is considered absolutely demnities or annexations,

convene in Paris at which Gen, ments that will keep the people of Tasker H. Bliss, army chief of staff, Germany content in the belief that

Russ Situation Important. of war have so many important an- western front at any time now, some of the forces she now is mass. he also will be able to tell just ing along the western front to hold how many men are ready now to go today that Mr. Ferris' resignation the east even though the military across to reinforce the American had not been due to any irregularchiefs adhere to their announced army in France. On Gen. Bliss' re- ities. PARIS, Jun. 25 .- Heavy artillers intention of waging only a defense port will depend all troop move-

Must Retain Garrisons.

(The former is on the Champagne fight again or not the general un- and all of these, depending on the row escripes when a Chesapeake and ed at noon. British positions around front and the latter on the Verdun rest that prevails in the new repub- available transport, officials said to- Ohio coal train ran into a ditch Passchendaele and La Vacquerie lic must compel the Germans to re- day.

tain strong garrisons all along the front. The danger of raids and the always be present so long as a definite treaty of peace has not been agreed to. And if Germany pushes forward under present conditions she simply extends the lines that have to be guarded.

Austrian Crisis Averted.

All advices reaching Washington today seemed to indicate that the Austrian government retained control in the dual empire. Some of the have returned to work accepting the assurances of the ministry that sweeping reforms will be put into effect immediately. But there are still many men out, including the Some of the most important de- radical socialists who have announced that they will not return to work until after they have received absolute assurances from the govpeace conference of the German peace on the basis of no indemnities and no annexations. These men and military committee at once and that endeavoring to get into touch with given an opportunity to be heard by NEW women, through their leaders, are the secretary would doubtless be ed that the conditions complained of Hertling's admission that the Rus- the German socialists and it is as a the committee without delay. sian peace negotiations are "moving result of what they have done that unsatisfactorily" and his further the political unrest has been renew-

The German withdrawal in northfollowed the situation in that thea-Withdrawal of the German lines ter of war declared today, apparentreasons that are known only to the in northern Italy coupled with ad ly means the abandonment at least mitted heavy reinforcement of the until spring of all efforts to force German forces all along the western the passage of the Venetian plains. This is due to the brilliant work of Premier Lloyd George inviting the Trench and British reinforce- International News Service Irish leaders to a conference in an ments and to the weather which has the war. If the result of the present endeavor to dispose of the Irisa blocked the passes and has almost completely interrupted communica-Marked increase in the Austrian tions. Because of this, and also benecessary by the German general now building, has resigned. His International News Service: A new allied war council ready to staff to maintain military movetheir armies are winning all along of a bitter controversy growing out the lines, officials look for severe

At no previous time in the history lighting at many points along the Bliss Represents U. S. duels raged throughout the night in campaign against the disorganized ments from this side. The war council will decide which it neels most International News Service: · - munitions, food or men. And the

Writes Letter to Sen. Chamberlain Urging Special Session of Senate Body to Hear His Statement.

of War Baker intends to defend the before the senate committee on He worked there as an orderly unmilitary affairs, whose chairman, til he was brought here to testify Sen. George Chamberlain, yesterday attacked the "inefficiency" which has kept the nation unprepared to wage a successful war. The secretary today sent a letter to Sen. Chamberlain asking that a meeting of the senate committee be called OH without delay to hear him and that "all members of the senate and the house who are so disposed" be given opportunity to attend.

Baker Asks Meeting. The Baker letter was as fol-

"My dear Sen, Chamberlain: The questions which have arisen with regard to the conduct of the war require an explicit statement from me for the information of your committee, and generally, for the information of congress and the

"I feel that in justice I owe such a statement to the splendid officers and men of the army who have forgotten themselves and labored with such sacrifice, and, I think, success, in the building of a great army. It is due also to the great number of men of business and of affairs who have accepted the invitation of the war department to come to Washington and brought their business experience, their talent, and their judgment to aid in public affairs. And I think the people of the country are entitled to have at large a summary of what has been done by America in the

"I, therefore, respectfully request that your committee arrange an opportunity for me to make such a statement, and that the time and place be fixed as to enable all members of the senate and the house of representatives who are so disposed to attend.

"If this request can be complied with I shall be happy to be advised at your earliest convenience of the time and place. "Cordially yours.

"NEWTON D. BAKER. Sen. Chamberlain stated, when he he would lay it before the senate tion," answere the general.

ed throughout the kaiser's empire. Shipping Board's Architect Quits; Was'Under Fire'

dore E. Ferris, chief architect and construction engineer of the emergency fleet corporation, who designed most of the steel vessels resignation, announced today by Charles Piez, general manager of was today being held as a material the fleet corporation, in the climax, of the award of ship contracts to 'paper" shipbuilding firms. Mr. Ferris was recently under fire before | The woman, who gave her name as senate investigating committee. as to his previous connection with scene and showed great interest in the Clinchfield Navigation Co. of the discovery of the body. She Seattle, which it was brought out, reaped an immense profit by sub-Navigation Co., for the construction authorities following the receipt of letting its contracts to the Sloane of 16 steel hulls for the shipping an anonymous note telling them to

TWO DIE IN WRECK.

during the night,

Swears Germans Paid Him to Plant AUSTRIA MAY Fire Bombs in U.S.

imaging evidence yet presented igainst Franz von Rintelen and his

11 alleged co-conspirators for placing fire bombs on munition ships was resumed before United States Judge Howe. It came with the calling to the witness stand of Herman F. W. Ebling, an interned German alien, who swore that he had been engaged by German agents to plant

Ebling opened his testimony by asserting that as he was afraid of being killed by order of German officials for his failure to carry out American army from all strictures the work assigned to him, the American authorities, at his request, have against von Rintelen and his alleged

Ebling swore that Carl Shimme engaged him to plant the bombs.

Maj. Gen. Gorgas Says Hospitals Should Have Been Built First.

International News Service;

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. - Sen. Chamberlain today drew from Maj. Gen. Gorgas, surgeon general of the that Austria must reject all advices riers. army, a frank admission that over- from the outside as to handling of Difficulty Over Colonial Formula. crowding in the training camps has her internal affairs. The foreign On the other hand the speaker 'greatly increased" the number of minister continued by saying that, said that the realization of Prest deaths caused by epidemic diseases. | while Pres't Wilson's speech was Wilson's colonial formula "would Gen. Gorgas made the statement a step toward the Austro-Hungarian meet with some difficulties." on the witness stand before the sen- viewpoint, nevertheless Austria still Von Hertling took a determined back because of their moderate ate military affairs committee, of gives full support to her allies in stand against "reconsideration of views on peace. Both seamen rewhich Sen. Chamberlain is chair- the war. man. He said that he had recom-

!mended an average of five men to CAPITAL HEARS the standard sized tents. Sen. RUMORS OF PEACE. Chamberlain reminded him that previous testimony showed as many as 12 men to the tent.

"What has been the effect of this overcrowding upon the sickness in very near future were current m the camps?" asked Sen, Chamber-

"I think that it was greatly inreased by overcrowding," answered the Austrian cabinet as a result of

"The war department left the of the socialist and labor organizabuilding of hospitals to the last in tions who have fomented the genments," Gen. Gorgas testified.

safeguard the health of our soldiers, that they had heard the report but we should have built hospitals declined to discuss it. It was pointfirst" askad Sen. McKellar.

"I think that would have been actly where the United States stands received · Sec'y Baker's letter, that wiser, that was my recommenda- on the subject of peace and that if



Edward R. Stettini has been appointed general of all army Sec'y of War Baker a today. The post is the ed lent of a munitions minis it was stated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. - Theo- FIND MAN'S BODY UNDER CABARET, HOLD WOMAN AS MATERIAL WITNESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 .- A woman witness while the police investigated identified murdered man buried in the basement of a deserted cafe. Marie Marachino, appeared on the could give no satisfactory explanation for her presence. The body was found by the

search the basement, as a murder Gen. Mgr. Piez stated emphatically had been committed there. The victim had been stabbed in the neck

ARTILLERY IN ACTION.

nternational News Service: LONDON, Jan. 25.-German ar tillery was in action on the West COVINGTON, Ky., Jan. 25 .- Two Flanders and Cambrai fronts dur-Whether the Russians decide to United States is ready to supply any persons were killed and 20 had nar- ing the night, the war office reportwere shelled.

Speaks in Conciliatory Terms of Wilson's War Aims Speech.

stated that some of the principles ered by the German government laid down by Pres't Wilson are acceptable, advices from Vienna today east and the Brest Litovsk parley quoted the Austrian foreign minister, Count Czernin, as approaching the American terms in a conciliatory spirit.

The Austrian foreign minister's central empires. address was made before the Austrian parliament and in the course well as concrete questions of lesser

May be Basis for Action. Count Czernin expressed the opin- right direction." on that the exchange of peace views States may form the basis for def. the first four points laid down by

Count Czernin took up the 14 on Summarized, these are: terms laid down by the American 1-Open covenants and an abexecutive and after dissecting them sence of "secret diplomacy said that the difference in views is not so great that it could not be

bridged by future discussions. At the same time the speaker said

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. - Specific reports that Austria-Hungary will make a peace move addressed directly to the United States in the diplomatic and official circles here this afternoon. It was stated that this action had been decided on by the promises made to the leaders the construction of the canton- eral strike which has completely

tied up industry throughout Austria. "Don't you think that to properly State department officials said ed out that Austria knows just exany further terms are officially askoint session of congress;

Based on Cables. sterdam quoting Count Czernin, the saying that the negotiations are that Austria and the United States difficulty.

war. The Austrian diplomat result in a definite agreement. to have declared that an he starting point

Chancellor Asserts MAKE A PEACE Proposals of Allies MOVE TO U.S. Can't be Considered

was introduced today when the trial Foreign Minister Czernin Says Evacuation of Russian Territory Occupied by Austro-German Armies is Question Only For Russia and

Central Empires.

BERLIN, Jan. 25 .- Count von Hertling, the imperial chan-AMSTERDAM, Jan. 25.—Follow- cellor, in an address to the reichstag main committee, replying to war the war aims speeches of Pres't Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, aims speech in Berlin in which he declared that the cession of Alsace-Lorraine could not be consid-

cellor von Hertling told the main

committee of the reichstag that he

Litovsk negotiations will reach a

satisfactory conclusion within a

The Cologne Gazetie, which is

noted for the accuracy of its polit-

ical predictions, says that "Ger-

many's patience has now reached

the limit." This paper accuses Leon

the opportunity to talk to the world

Warns People to Expect Little.

The Lokal Anzeiger warps the

"It is now doubted in govern-

ment circles whether there are suf-

ficient guarantees for a continuation

liable to be swept off their feet by

anarchy at any minute," said this

The Berlin Deutsche Zeitung, one

Russ Augra at Hoffman.

The Berliner Tageolatt which was

trians in the latter's demand for

to reject Germany's peace terms

because of their militaristic qual-

German annexationists at Brest

of the conversations of men who are

people not to expect too much from

to the opposite effect.

about his pet theories.

the Brest Litovsk parley.

Concerning the situation in the peace in the east. Although Chanhe chancellor said that, in the opinon of the government, the evacuastill has hopes that the Brest ion of Russian territory by the Austro-German armies is a question hat concerns only Russia and the short time, advices from Berlin today quoted semi-official newspapers

Reference to Wilson.

A significant reference was made o Pres't Wilson's war aims speech of it he said that "Austria and The chancellor declared that the America virtually agree upon some tone of the speech had changed of the big principles involved as since the president's reply to the peace note of Pope Benedict XV. Trotzky, the bolshevik foreign minand that perhaps "the American ister of purposely prolonging the president has already started in the negotiations so that he could utilize

An agreement probably could be between Austria and the United reached without any difficulty on Pres't Wilson, the chancellor went

2-Freedom of the seas.

3-Guarantees for the reduction of national armaments. 4-The removal of economic bar-

Berlin newspaper. of the organs of the Pan Germans. is demanding the resignation of Admirals von Muller and von Reis-

the status of Alsace-Lorraine" and fused to join the annexationist wound up his talk by suggesting fatherland party which was started that Pres't Wilson and Premier by their former blef, Admiral von

Lloyd George again reconsider and | Tirpitz. restate their terms. The chancellor said that Germany | s willing to consider the formation suspended for saying that most of of an international league to enforce the Germans were with the Auspeace after the end of the war.

The chancellor took a different | peace without annexations nor inttitude towards Premier Lloyd demnities, is again allowed to pub-George. He said that he "saw no lish although under strict ceusorearnest desire for peace upon the ship. part of Germany's enemies," and The views of those who predict emphasized his opinion that the a renewal of warfare in the east British premier believed himself, were supported today by a dispatch usty entitled to adjudge Germany from Copenhagen saying that the milty of all kinds of crimes while bolshevik government has decided displaying no friendly spirit.

Undertakes No Forecast. Germany does not wish to acquire ities. ny territory in Belgium or northern! The Russians are angry at Gen. rance "by violence," the chancel- Hoffman, representative of the Pan-

The speaker revealed that the Litovsk. Hoffman dominated the ed they must take into considera. Brest Litovsk peace negotiations conference and in a blustering voice tion this country's position as out. have been resumed and that the threatened an offensive that would lined by Pres't Wilson to the recent Russian delegation has returned carry the Germans into the great there from Petrograd after consult- Russian port of Reval unless the ing the bolshevik government. German peace terms were accepted Much of today's peace talk was | However, the chancellor did not in their entirety. pased on the news cables via Am- undertake to forecast t cir result,

Austrian foreign minister, as saying proceeding slowly and with some ot only agree on the principles that At the conclusion Count vot st follow a new alignment after Hertling expressed the hope that ar but on many of the great the negotiations between the Gerns which are at issue in the mans and the Ukrainlans will soot

> change of views be- GERMANY IS DIVIDED d States and Aus- OVER OUTLOOK FOR PEACE. International News Service: AMSTERDAM, Jan. 25, - Germany is divided over the outlook for

Labor Expected to Send Delegates to Allied Conclave in London Next Month.

NOTTINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 21 -Labor leaders attending the annual . conference of the labor party declared today that they expect the American workmen to accept the anvitation to send delegates to un alhed conclave in London to consider

The date has not yet been fixed. time in the latter part of February. Representatives of labor in the entente will be invited for a general compilation of war aims represent ing the view of the workingmen in

gram outlined by the British laber party will be used as a bails. This calls for the restoration of all occupied territory; reparation to Bel-Food conditions in Austria I gium: the right of the people of Alsace-Lorraine to determine their lown future: disarmament and w league of nations to enforce peace and autonomy for all parts of the British empire.

the allied countries. It is probable that the peace pro-

European War Prices Balm to Profiteer Victims Here International News Service: There is no sugar at all.

LONDON, Jan. 25,-Persons living in the United States may think they have cause to complain of the high cost of living, but let them view some of Europe's war prices and they will change their minds and thank their lucky stars.

A traveler who arrived here today from Holland said that coal is selling in Belgium for \$30 a ton, where it can be secured at all. In Brussels a pair of shoes cost \$20. Eggs sell at \$3 per dozen. Butter, when available, sells in Antwerp at from \$3 to \$4 a pound. Potatoes, which can seldom be bought, ordinarily sell in Belgian cities at 50 cents a pound.

A cablegram from Petrograd says that the members of the

German commercial and naval mission to that city are complaining of the exorbitant prices. One German was charged \$10 for a pair of overshoes. An ordinary slice of roast beef in a Petrograd restaurant sells at \$1.50.

Strictly fresh eggs were quoted in London today at \$1.80 per dozen. Cold storage eggs were cheaper.

are appalling. Gen. Hoefer, the Austrian food controller, is alarmed over the infant mortality in Vienna due to the scarc-